

**Department of Human Resources  
Division of Health Care Financing & Policy  
Meeting for Public Comment on Revisions to  
The Nevada Medicaid Services Manual  
September 4, 2003**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

In Carson City, NV:  
Charles Duarte, Administrator, DHCFP  
John Liveratti, DHCFP Compliance & SURS  
Darrell Faircloth, Dep. Atty. General  
List of others in attendance attached.

In Las Vegas area:  
Patty Miller, DHCFP, Facilitator  
List of others in attendance attached.

The meeting was called to order by John Liveratti, Chief of DHCFP Compliance & SURS, at 9:00am in Room 2134 of the Legislature Building in Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was simultaneously video conferenced to Las Vegas. Patty Miller was the facilitator in Las Vegas. Those in attendance in both locations are shown on sign in sheets attached.

Mr. Liveratti opened Public Hearing on Nevada Medicaid State Manual (MSM) Chapter 1200 continued from September 3, 2003.

Charles Duarte, Administrator, DHCFP, stated the amendments to the chapter will be read and that should clarify questions from yesterday's hearing. The chapter must be passed through the process so that the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) can go forward. He reminded those attending that the chapters can be amended, they are not static documents. He expressed thanks for the diligent work of Medicaid staff to add the new information to the MSM as it comes on the scene. It is necessary for the staff to evaluate amendments to MSM prior to public hearings, that is the reason open communication between providers and staff is of major importance.

Coleen Lawrence, Chief, Program Services, read the amendments to Chapter 1200. A copy is attached.

Public comments were invited on the amendments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 1200 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff.

Mr. Duarte, Administrator, accepted the chapter subject to amendments and changes noted and a final spelling and grammar check..

The Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 1200 was closed.

Mr. Liveratti opened the Public Hearing on MSM Chapter 1300 Durable Medical Equipment.

This chapter has been amended with information from yesterday's hearing. The amendments 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, were read by Mr. Liveratti. He noted amendment 4 would

not be added at this time, it is incorrect information. A copy of all the amendments is attached.

Public comments were invited.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carson City: Rick Graver of Med Tech Services, and NAMPS, spoke representing his company and the association of providers. He expressed thanks to Mr. Duarte and to the Medicaid staff for the opportunity to work with them yesterday to clear up some of the concerns on Chapter 1300. He noted Med Tech supplies a large quantity of rehabilitation items which were reimbursed under miscellaneous codes. He asked if his understanding that First Health would be authorizing for medical necessity and not by cost, is correct.

Ms. Lawrence replied that is correct, medical necessity is the criteria.

Mr. Graver stated he felt this is a problem for providers as the chapter is currently written. The reimbursement is at 62% and the current cost plus reimbursement has been about 75%. If the cost moves to usual and customary guidelines, suppliers may be forced to reconsider supplying Medicaid patients. He recommended further rate studies on the Medicare schedule. If the MSM uses Medicare rates, they should be used entirely, not in specific places only. If the MSRP were used it would be more equitable to providers. Mr. Graver would like to work with Medicaid staff to correct the billing methods.

There were no further comments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 1300 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff.

Mr. Duarte accepted the chapter as amended.

The Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 1300 was closed.

Mr. Liveratti opened the Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 200, Hospital Services A copy of the chapter is attached.

Public comments were invited.

There were no comments, however, a copy of faxed testimony is attached which was received from the Nevada Hospital Association CEO Bill Welch

Marti Cote, RN, Program Services, presented amendments to the chapter which are attached.

There were no comments on the amendments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 200 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff..

Mr. Duarte accepted the chapter as amended.

The Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 200 was closed.

Mr. Liveratti opened the Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 300, Radiology and Diagnostic Services. A copy of the chapter is attached.

Public comments were invited.

There were no comments.

Carol Tilstra, RN, Program Services, presented amendments to the chapter which are attached.

There were no comments on the amendments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 300 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff..

Mr. Duarte accepted the chapter as amended.

The Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 300 was closed.

Mr. Liveratti opened the Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 400 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. A copy of the chapter is attached.

Public comments were invited.

There were no comments.

Ms. Lawrence presented amendments to the chapter which are attached.

There were no comments on the amendments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 400 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff..

Mr. Duarte accepted the chapter as amended.

The Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 400 was closed.

Mr. Liveratti opened the Public Hearing on proposed MSM Chapter 500, Nursing Facility Services. A copy of the chapter is attached.

Public comments were invited.

There were no comments.

Tina Gerber Winn, Chief, Continuum of Care Unit, presented amendments to the chapter which are attached.

A recess of 10 minutes was called by Mr. Liveratti at 10:10 am.

The hearing was resumed at 10:23am.

Ms. Winn completed the proposed amendments to the chapter.

Public comment on the amendments to Chapter 500 was invited.

There were no comments on the amendments.

Mr. Liveratti moved the acceptance of Chapter 500 to be amended as noted and with a final spelling and grammar check by Division staff..

Mr. Duarte accepted the chapter as amended.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:28 am.

*This meeting was recorded. A written request is required to review the recorded transcript or a duplicated recording can be requested for a nominal fee.*